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Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ralph A. Haller  
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

In the Matter of

Petition for Amendment  
of the Amateur Service Rules  
to Expand the Privileges of  
Novice and Technician Operators. RM-8093

ORDER

Adopted: April 16, 1993; Released: April 27, 1993

By the Chief, Private Radio Bureau:

1. On September 24, 1992, Mr. William G. Welsh filed a petition to amend the amateur service rules (RM-8093) to expand the privileges of Novice Class and certain Technician Class operators by making the frequencies 10.10-10.15 MHz, 30 meter (m) band, available to them.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Welsh argues that the 40, 15, and 10 m bands currently authorized to those operators are currently less useful than in the past due to sunspot cycles, fading, and interference from international shortwave broadcast stations. Further, he states that the longer antennas needed in the 80 m band limit its appeal to many Novice and Technician amateur operators.

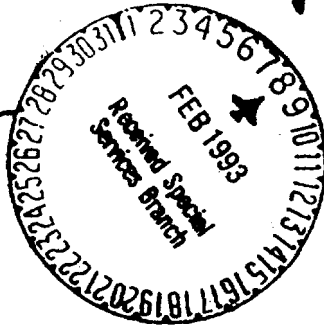
2. In 1985, the Commission added the 30 m frequency band to the amateur service. In the *First Report and Order* in PR Docket No. 84-960, adopted April 25, 1985, 50 Fed. Reg. 18662 (1985), the Commission declined to make it available to Novice and Technician operators. In its action, the Commission said that an acceptable balance had been achieved between licensing incentives and operating privileges. A consistent policy was followed in a subsequent proceeding. In the *Report and Order* in PR Docket No. 88-467, adopted January 27, 1989, 4 FCC Rcd 1424 (1989), the Commission excluded Novice and Technician Class operators from the 17 m band because of its small size and because they had recently received enhanced privileges. See *Report and Order* in PR Docket No. 86-161, adopted January 28, 1987, 2 FCC Rcd 727 (1987). In sum, the petition for rule making is repetitive.

3. In view of the foregoing, and pursuant to Section 1.401(e) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.401(e), rule making petition RM-8093, filed by William G. Welsh, to amend the amateur service rules IS DENIED.

<sup>1</sup> Currently, the 80, 40, 15, and 10 m high frequency (HF) bands are available to Novice Class operators, Technician Class operators holding a Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) indicating that element 1(A), 1(B), or 1(C)

has been passed, and to Technician Class operators holding a license issued before February 14, 1991. See Section 97.301(e) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 97.301(e).

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January 22, 1993.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to support your proposal to give the whole 220 band to Novice operators. I am also in favor of allowing Novices repeater control operator status. Both proposals would help generate more activities on the 220 band. I also agree that a CW, SSB, RTTY and Packet subband should be established,